

CHRISTMAS DOVE

Happy Holidays!

Supplies needed:

- Muslin, or fabric of your choice
- Cotton batting
- Stuffing
- Gesso
- 4.5mm animal eyes
- Glitter Modge Podge
- 18-gauge florist wire
- Glue
- Eye-pin for hanging (optional)

All pieces are traced and sewn on the lines.

Body

- Trace and sew on doubled muslin – leave the opening unsewn
- Clip curves and turn right side out
- Stuff the beak area first – put a little glue on a small ball of stuffing and pin it to the beak.
- Stuff the head
- Stuff the tail now – or sew the feather lines first, then stuff.
(Sewing the feather lines before stuffing creates a very different look)
- Stuff the body firmly and ladder stitch the opening closed.

Wings

For each wing:

- Trace the wings on doubled muslin and one layer of batting – the batting is on the bottom
- Sew the outline – leave the opening unsewn
- Clip curves and turn right side out (turn through the two layers of muslin – this will put the batting on the inside)
- Sew the wire channel line and the feathers
- Put the wire in the channel, leaving about 1” extending out from the wing
- Sew the opening closed

Assembly

- Poke a small hole in the bird for the wire
- Sew along the opening edge to attach the wing to the body
- Glue the seam for added strength
- Gesso the entire bird
- Paint and let dry.
- Decorate with paper flowers, words, stamps, etc.
- Modge Podge to seal
- Poke a small hole on each side of the head for the eyes
- Insert eyes and glue in place

I hope you enjoy this pattern!

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